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SUBJ: KOREA: PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION SUBMITTED TO UN AND  
PANMUNJON INCIDENT

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1. IN VIEW OF UNAVAILABILITY HIGHER MFA OFFICIALS, EMBASSY  
OFFICER AUGUST 27 CALLED ON OIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS (KISS) TO  
CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS REF A, MAKING ESSENTIALLY POINTS  
CONTAINED PARAS 1 AND 2 REFTEL A. EMBASSY OFFICER EXPRESSED  
REGRET THAT GOH HAD FELT IT NECESSARY TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN  
POSITIONS ADDING THAT SUCH ACTION WAS INCONSISTENT WITH  
IMPROVING U.S.-HUNGARIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS. SAID THAT  
WHILE USG HAD SOME UNDERSTANDING OF PRESSURES ON GOH TO  
MAINTAIN SOLIDARITY WITH ITS COMMUNIST ALLIES, USG COULD  
NOT UNDERSTAND WHY GOH DID NOT RECOGNIZE HYPOCRISY  
OF NORTH KOREAN POSITION AND DAMAGE SUPPORT FOR IT DID  
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TO GOH CREDIBILITY IN INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON ISSUES SUCH

AS PANMUNJON WHEN HUNGARY'S "FRIENDS" SO CLEARLY IN WRONG.

2. KISS TOOK COPIOUS NOTES AND AT END OF PRESENTATION ASKED "FRANKLY" WHAT USG EXPECTED AS RESULT OF THIS DEMARCHE. HE WAS TOLD THAT U.S. EXPECTED HIM TO INFORM HIS SUPERIORS AND OTHER HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED OF THE SENSE OF OUTRAGE IN U.S. OVER PANMUNJON INCIDENT AND THE EFFECT THAT THESE FEELINGS COULD HAVE ON IMPROVING U.S.-HUNGARIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS, GIVEN GOH UNQUESTIONING SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN VERSION OF EVENTS. USG HOPED THAT IN FUTURE GOH WOULD AVOID SUCH CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH NORTH KOREAN POSITION EXEMPLIFIED BY SUPPORT FOR PRO-NORTH KOREAN UNGA RESOLUTION AND TREATMENT OF PANMUNJON INCIDENT. MORE OBJECTIVITY IS CLEARLY REQUIRED.

3. EARLIER, ON AUGUST 9, EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER HAD CALLED ON HUNGARIAN FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS (EDE GAZDIK) TO REQUEST GOH TO USE WHAT INFLUENCE IT HAD TO ENCOURAGE NORTH KOREANS TO TAKE CONCILIATORY AND REASONABLE POSTURE ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE ON THE KOREAN ISSUE BETWEEN PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. AFTER LISTENING ATTENTIVELY GAZDIK REPEATED STANDARD NORTH KOREAN ARGUMENTS THAT U.S. SHOULD WITHDRAW TROOPS, UN COMMAND SHOULD BE ABOLISHED, ETC. HE VOLUNTEERED PERSONAL OPINION THAT NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NEVER AGAIN NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH PRESENT SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

4. ON AUGUST 23 KISS REQUESTED EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER TO CALL AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. HE INFORMED HIM THAT SINCE NORTH KOREANS HAD ALREADY ANNOUNCED THEIR POSITION, IT WOULD SERVE NO PURPOSE FOR HUNGARIANS TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH THEM AS IT WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT. HE DID NOT GO INTO MERITS OF NORTH KOREAN OR U.S. POSITION AND WAS OBVIOUSLY EAGER TO SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE ON THE KOREAN ISSUE. EMBASSY OFFICER HAD IMPRESSION THAT KISS WAS PROVIDING PERFUNCTORY REPLY, IN PART BECAUSE EMBASSY IN RECENT MONTHS HAS COMPLAINED TO MFA RE ITS LACK OF CONFIDENTIAL

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REACTION TO EMBASSY NOTES AND DEMARCHES.

5. COMMENT: BY THEIR STANDARDS GOH SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN POSITION HAS CLEARLY BEEN PERFUNCTORY. EMBASSY OFFICER HAD IMPRESSION THAT KISS ACCEPTED THAT AMERICAN VERSION OF PANMUNJON INCIDENT WAS CLOSER TO TRUTH THAN NORTH KOREAN VERSION. GOH WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN SOLIDARITY AT UN WITH ITS COMMUNIST ALLIES ON

THIS ISSUE. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, IT IS NEVERTHELESS  
USEFUL TO MAKE GOH LEADERS FULLY AWARE OF OUR DISPLEASURE  
SO THAT THEY CAN KEEP IN FRONT OF THEM OUR EXPECTATION  
THAT HUNGARY SHOULD HAVE MORE EVENHANDED APPROACH ON  
MATTERS OF CENTRAL INTEREST TO U.S. AND OF PERIPHERAL  
INTEREST TO HUNGARY.  
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